

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SkillsUSA NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES 2010 COMPETITION WINNERS

SkillsUSA Nebraska, a Nebraska Department of Education student organization, recently recognized award winners and elected new officers during its 2010 conference in Columbus.

About 1,400 people attended the conference, including 954 high school, college and technical students and advisors.

The following students were elected officers for 2010-2011.

Callie Busboom – Beatrice High School
Briana Gaston – Norris High School
Kasina Heerten – Keya Paha County High School
Jen Yung Lee – Lincoln North Star High School
Allie Maeder – Papillion-La Vista South High School
Sean O’Grady – Papillion-La Vista South High School
Preston Oltman – Beatrice High School

Tim McAllister, Fairbury High School, was named Outstanding Advisor of the Year.

Justina Benscoter, Thedford High School, Jason Novotny, Gretna High School, and Troy Miller, Central Community College, Hastings, were elected to the SkillsUSA Nebraska Board of Directors.

Students participated in 113 hands-on contests. First-place winners qualify for the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Championships Conference, June 22-26, in Kansas City, Missouri.

First, second and third place winners are:

3-D Visualization & Animation

First place: Seward High School, Team A
Second place: Seward High School, Team B
Third place: Seward High School, Team C

Action Skills

First place: Derek Marshal, Platteview High School
Second place: Brent Eickoff, Sterling High School
Third place: Bill Pratt, Ft. Calhoun High School

Advertising Design

First place: Hong-yen Hoang, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Jessica Nguyen, Lincoln North Star High School
Third place: Tressa Vigoren, Keya Paha County High School

Architectural Drafting

First place: Nathan Jensen, Seward High School
Second place: Noah Keyes, Platteview High School
Third place: Tyler Bowden, Grand Island High School

Architectural Drafting, C/T

First place: Sabina Maharjan, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Charlie Shenshaw, Northeast Community College, Norfolk

Automated Manufacturing Technology

First place: Lincoln High School, Team A

Automotive Refinishing

First place: Derek Musil, Ravenna High School
Second place: Anthony Rodgers, Career Center Omaha
Third place: Cameron Mizner, Keya Paha County High School

Automotive Refinishing, C/T

First place: Travis Callan, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Automotive Service Technology

First place: Andrez Castaneda, Lincoln Northeast High School
Second place: David Petersen, Blair High School
Third place: Grant McMullen, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Automotive Service Technology, C/T

First place: Daniel Kessell, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Matt Bland, Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Third place: Andrew Cuva, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Basic Health Care Skills

First place: Alyssa Sleight, Seward High School
Second place: Ethan Damman, Seward High School
Third place: Caitlin Obenschain, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Cabinetmaking

First place: Joe Martinez, Bennington High School
Second place: Brett Andersen, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Third place: Austin Weiderspon, Sidney High School

Cabinetmaking, C/T

First place: Michael Bebout, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Second place: Eric Schramm, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte
Third place: Brandon Gunnink, Wayne State College

Carpentry

First place: Todd Walz, Stapleton High School
Second place: Aaron Beckler, Seward High School
Third place: Matt Dworak, Seward High School

Carpentry, C/T

First place: Chris Kemp, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte
Second place: Ben Tasa, Wayne State College

Chapter Business Procedure

First place: Keya Paha County High School, Team B
Second place: Raymond Central High School, Team A

Chapter Display

First place: Raymond Central, Team D
Second place: Columbus High School, Team J
Third place: Keya Paha County High School, Team F

CNC Milling, C/T

First place: James Swartz, Central Community College, Columbus

Collision Repair Technology

First place: Andrew Bowser, Ft. Calhoun High School
Second place: Trevor Welchert, Platteview High School
Third place: Gideon Gillispie, Raymond Central High School

Collision Repair Technology, CT

First place: Brandno Fellers, Central Community College, Hastings
Second place: Deric Irvin, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Jason Lafarr, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Commercial Baking

First place: Betty Mays, Keya Paha County High School
Second place: Bobby Poehling, Career Center, Omaha
Third place: Zachary Bruick, Seward High School

Community Service, C/T

First place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team A

Computer Maintenance Technology

First place: John Petska, Sutherland High School
Second place: Alex Koehler, Seward High School
Third place: Alex Bainter, Seward High School

Computer Maintenance Technology, C/T

First place: Michael Weigner, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Cosmetology

First place: Shannon Myers, Weeping Water High School

Second place: Rebekah Spader, York High School

Third place: Jessica Cook, Keya Paha County High School

Crime Scene Investigation

First place: Blair High School, Team D

Second place: Sterling High School, Team B

Third place: Bennington High School, Team H

Criminal Justice

First place: Brianne Richards, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Second place: Brian Hrbek, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Third place: Anthony Valliant, Papillion-La Vista High School

Culinary Arts

First place: Kane Adkisson, Career Center Omaha

Second place: Emily Farley, Sutton High School

Third place: Ashley Arrick, Blair High School

Customer Service

First place: Connor Smith, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Second place: Amy Cox, Sutton High School

Third place: Jen Yung Lee, Lincoln North Star High School

Diesel Equipment Technology

First place: William Dukat, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Second place: Nate Stene, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Third place: David Stander, Weeping Water High School

Diesel Equipment Technology, C/T

First place: Jared Cape, Central Community College, Hastings

Second place: Ross Kurkowski, Central Community College, Hastings

Third place: Todd Voreis, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Electronics Technology

First place: Mitch Marean, Bennington High School

Second place: Thomas Workman, Columbus High School

Third place: Aaron Cloet, Sutton High School

Extemporaneous Speaking

First place: Amy Cox, Sutton High School

Second place: Alex Bainter, Seward High School

Third place: Garrett Shepperd, Keya Paha County High School

Firefighting

First place: Ethan Olson, Kearney High School
Second place: Spencer Steffen, Crofton High School
Third place: Russell Wilke, Seward High School

Firefighting, C/T

First place: Richard Schutt, Southeast Community College, Lincoln
Second place: James Matthes, Southeast Community College, Lincoln
Third place: Kacey Shane, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

First Aid/CPR

First place: Ruth Roberts, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Amanda Bown, Sidney High School
Third place: Tyrel Hernes, Arlington High School

Food & Beverage Service

First place: Makayla Kohler, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Second place: Alexa Swartz, Fairbury High School
Third place: Koryle Buchholz, Syracuse High School

Health Knowledge Bowl

First place: Keya Paha County High School, Team B
Second place: Seward High School, Team A
Third place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team D

Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration

First place: Donald McDermott, North Platte High School

Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, C/T

First place: Ross Johnson, Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Second place: Chris Klassen, Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Third place: William Blocker, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Industrial Motor Control

First place: Jacob Craven, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Industrial Motor Control, C/T

First place: Ben Johnson, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Tyler Fusselman, Central Community College, Columbus

Internetworking

First place: Mitch Irmer, Beatrice High School
Second place: Crayton Noe, Seward High School

Job Interview

First place: Jackie Michals, Lincoln North Star High School
Second place: Jen Yung Lee, Lincoln North Star High School
Third place: Bobby Poehling, Career Center, Omaha

Job Skill Demo A

First place: Brandon Niemann, Raymond Central High School
Second place: Calvin Bartos, Keya Paha County High School
Third place: Bryce Van Velson, Seward High School

Job Skill Demo Open

First place: Logan Wisniewski, Bellevue West High School
Second place: Courtney Girardin, Columbus High School
Third place: Luke Bailey, Ft. Calhoun High School

Masonry

First place: Dominic Pederson, Crofton High School
Second place: Andrew Bauermeister, Louisville High School
Third place: Derek Van Heek, Crofton High School

Masonry, C/T

First place: Mike Walding, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Patrick Niebauer, Wayne State College
Third place: Dex Dodson, Wayne State College

Mechatronics

First place: Columbus High School, Team D
Second place: Millard South High School, Team A
Third place: Conestoga High School, Team C

Medical Assisting

First place: Karlee Bourke, Seward High School
Second place: Brinson Chapp, Seward High School

Medical Math,-C/T

First place: Erin Parisien, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Mobile Electronics Installation

First place: Luke Gillespie, Bellevue West High School
Second place: Patrick Christel, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Third place: Jacob Ott, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Mobile Robotics Technology

First place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team C
Second place: Papillion-La Vista South High School, Team B
Third place: Lincoln North Star, Team A

Motorcycle Technology

First place: Taylor Brooks, Columbus High School
Second place: Wyatt Staben, Louisville High School
Third place: Drew Urban, Gretna High School

Motorcycle Technology, CT

First place: Matthew Heermann, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

Nurse Assisting

First place: Megan Goedon, Crofton High School

Second place: Allie Maeder, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Third place: Bailey Heaton, Blair High School

Opening & Closing Ceremonies

First place: North Platte High School, Team B

Second place: North Platte High School, Team A

Third place: Norris High School, Team C

Photography

First place: Aaron Bird, Sidney High School

Second place: Collin Post, Seward High School

Third place: Kira Samson, Career Center, Omaha

Plumbing

First place: Weston Wortmann, Crofton High School

Second place: Nathan Hoffman, Crofton High School

Third place: Jake Eggert, Bellevue West High School

Plumbing, C/T

First place: Roger Sterling, Wayne State College

Second place: Kyle Perkins, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte

Power Equipment Technology

First place: Greg Bauer, Fairbury High School

Second place: Trevor Siebe, Millard North High School

Third place: Josh Meyer, Weeping Water High School

Precision Machining Technology

First place: Derek Haiar, Columbus High School

Second place: Nathan Quismondo, Millard South High School

Third place: Alex Potter, York High School

Precision Machining Tech, C/T

First place: George Thomas, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

Second place: Shawn Swiatek, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

Third place: Nathan Johanson, Southeast Community College, Lincoln

Prepared Speech

First place: Bryce Van Velson, Seward High School

Second place: Chase Wurdeman, Seward High School

Third place: Emily Heerten, Keya Paya County High School

Preschool Teaching

First place: Tashinga Muchegwa, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Second place: Tamara Nilson, Keya Paha County High School
Third place: Kim Mueller, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Promotional Bulletin Board

First place: Keya Paha County High School, Team C
Second place: Seward High School, Team A
Third place: Syracuse, Team E

Quiz Bowl

First place: Seward High School, Team A
Second place: Louisville, Team Z
Third place: Sterling, Team B

Quiz Bowl, C/T

First place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team A
Second place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team H

Related Technical Math

First place: Chase Wurdeman, Seward High School
Second place: Sam Nobbs, Papillion-La Vista High School
Third place: Dan Trouba, Papillion-La Vista High School

Residential Wiring

First place: Zach Pechacek, Bellevue West High School
Second place: Kyle Schlehuger, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Michael Janousek, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Residential Wiring, C/T

First place: Chris Waszgis, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Second place: Luke Embury, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha
Third place: Jeff McGrath, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Sheet Metal

First place: Alex Hansen, North Platte High School

Team Works

First place: Crofton High School, Team F
Second place: Platteview High School, Team G
Third place: York High School, Team B

Team Works, C/T

First place: Wayne State College, Team W
Second place: Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte, Team B
Third place: Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte, Team A

Technical Computer Application

First place: Johnny Kamprath, Seward High School
Second place: Jacob Krings, Seward High School

Third place: Andrew Sorsen, Seward High School

Technical Drafting

First place: Tera Dakan, Platteview Island High School, Springfield.

Second place: Connor Dahlke, Lincoln Southwest High School

Third place: Zach Muessel, Grand Island High School

Technical Drafting, C/T

First place: Alex Meitl, Mid-Plains Community College, North Platte

Second place: Nate Preston, Wayne State College

TV/Video Production

First place: Career Center, Omaha, Team B

Second place: Seward High School, Team A

TV/Video Production, C/T

First place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team B

Second place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team A

Third place: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Team C

Welding Champion Secondary

First place: Charlie Butler, Millard North High School

Second place: Brock Pierson, Millard North High School

Third place: Landon Hunt, North Platte High School

Welding Champion, C/T

First place: Josh Martin, Central Community College, Hastings

Second place: Sean Leahy, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

Third place: Justin Taylor, Central Community College, Hastings

Welding Fabrication

First place: North Platte High School, Team D

Second place: Louisville High School, Team Z

Third place: Norfolk High School, Team L

Welding Fabrication, C/T

First place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team B

Second place: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Team A

Welding Sculpture

First place: Morgan Hansen, Syracuse High School

Second place: Nick Schwedhelm, Ft. Calhoun High School

STATE ONLY CONTESTS:

State Architectural Blueprint Reading

First place: Phil O'Connell, Papillion-La Vista High School

Second place: Dillon Dodson, Sidney High School

Third place: Alica Scarpello, Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Automotive Parts

First place: Tessa Haack, Sidney High School

Second place: Taylor Von Knorring, Ft. Calhoun High School

Third place: Garrett Shepperd, Keya Paha County High School

State Bridge Building JR

First place: Carl Heinicke, Seward High School

Second place: Zachary Bruick, Seward High School

Third place: Sarah Connell, Keya Paha County High School

State Bridge Building SR

First place: Jacob Krings, Seward High School

Second place: Jesse Jewell, Syracuse High School

Third place: T.J. Goepfert, Syracuse High School

State Cabinetmaking

First place: Corey Johnson, Papillion-La Vista High School

Second place: Sean Smith, Wahoo High School

Third place: Jefferson Lu, Millard North High School

State Extemporaneous Speech

First place: Jordan McElligott, Grand Island High School

State Job Interview

First place: Megan DeJong, Papillion-La Vista South High School

Second place: Josh George, Seward High School

Third place: Alex Siebrandt, Seward High School

State Job Skill Demonstration

First place: Darin Pecka, Raymond Central High School

Second place: Nathan Grimes, Raymond Central High School

State Metric 500 JR

First place: Kade Folchert, North Platte High School

Second place: Austin Drake, Louisville High School

Third place: Matt Dworak, Seward High School

State Metric 500 SR

First place: Brandon Franklin, Keya Paha County High School

Second place: Brandon Udd, Keya Paha County High School

Third place: Patrick Heerten, Keya Paha County High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles JR

First place: Billy Kienke, Keya Paha County High School

Second place: Paul Beyer, Sidney High School

Third place: John Leversee, Louisville High School

State Mousetrap Vehicles SR

First place: Nate Swim, Keya Paha County High School
Second place: Cameron Mizner, Keya Paha County High School
Third place: Jess Swan, Keya Paha County High School

State National T-Shirt

First place: Andrew Reuss, Papillion-La Vista South High School
Second place: Aysha Ferguson, Career Center Omaha
Third place: Collin Post, Seward High School

State Pin Contest

First place: Burgandy Bartos, Keya Paha County High School
Second place: Emily Thrailkill, Seward High School
Third place: Alyssa Sleight, Seward High School

State Only Prepared Speech

First place: Sierra Wignall, Seward High School
Second place: Crayton Noe, Seward High School
Third place: Teddi Phillips, Papillion-La Vista South High School

State Research & Development

First place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team B
Second place: Bennington High School, Team A
Third place: Papillion-La Vista High School, Team C

State T, Shirt

First place: Hong-yen Hoang, Papillion-La Vista High School
Second place: Donald Vu, Lincoln North Star High School
Third place: Alexa Swartz, Fairbury High School

State Technical Team Problem Solving

First place: Syracuse High School, Team F
Second place: Wahoo High School, Team X
Third place: Grand Island High School, Team R

State Technical Team Problem Solving, C/T

First place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team B
Second place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team F
Third place: Central Community College, Hastings, Team D

State Welding, GMAW

First place: Tom Tiemeyer, Millard North High School
Second place: Luke Jensen, South Sioux City High School
Third place: Luke Stohlman, Louisville High School

State Welding, GTAW

First place: Charlie Butler, Millard North High School

Second place: Mitch Murphy, North Platte High School
Third place: Brock Pierson, Millard North High School

State Welding, OAW

First place: Landon Hunt, North Platte High School
Second place: Jon Korte, Millard North High School
Third place: Evan Allberry, North Platte High School

State Welding, SMAW

First place: Max Thomas, Millard North High School
Second place: Andrea Bierman, Millard North High School
Third place: Trevor Tillman, North Platte High School